

across different backgrounds, different political parties, and different places of origin and different communities—they weaved together a State of neighbors and left a lasting legacy. That legacy is that we love one another as we have been called to do. May we continue to be grateful for their legacies of service and live lives that would make them and their families proud.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CASSIDY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. MCSALLY). Without objection, it is so ordered.

HONORING OFFICER MARSHALL WATERS

Mr. CASSIDY. Madam President, I am here today to pay tribute to three brave law enforcement officers in Louisiana who were recently shot in the line of duty, and, sadly, one died. I begin with the man who died.

While on duty, Mangham Police Officer Marshall Waters pulled over a stolen vehicle on October 17. He was shot by the person in the car, who fled the scene and eventually crashed the car. Officer Waters later died from that injury on November 5.

Mangham Police Chief Perry Fleming says that Officer Waters was born a servant. He was a paramedic and previously served as a firefighter in nearby Franklin Parish.

Officer Waters' death will be felt throughout Northeast Louisiana. Throughout his lifetime of service, he truly touched the hearts of many. His community honored him last night with a candlelight vigil. He will be laid to rest later this week.

TRIBUTE TO OFFICER TREVOR ABNEY

Mr. CASSIDY. Madam President, I would also like to recognize New Orleans Police Officer Trevor Abney, who was shot in the face and fortunately has survived.

Officer Abney and Officer Brooke Duncan were on patrol in New Orleans on October 30. Without warning and for no reason, somebody walked by and shot through the window, striking Officer Abney in the face. He was taken to the hospital. He is said to be in good spirits, but, let's face it, you get shot in the face, you have a road of recovery ahead of you. Officer Duncan received a graze wound during the encounter. Fortunately, both officers are expected to do well. Again, the motive for the attack remains unknown, and the suspects are in custody.

These attacks are tragic reminders of the danger that law enforcement officers face every day when they report for duty. They know it. They accept

the risk. Their family accepts the risk. Their children accept the risk. Their spouse accepts the risk. They accept this risk because it serves our greater good.

We owe a debt of gratitude to our law enforcement officers for their willingness to put their lives on the line—even sacrificing it, as Officer Waters did—to keep us safe.

I ask that all join in praying for Officer Waters' family as they grieve his loss, and I ask you to join me in prayer for Officer Abney's recovery. The road ahead will be difficult, but knowing that our country supports them during these partisan times can make the difference.

With that, I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 863.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The bill clerk read the nomination of Aileen Mercedes Cannon, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The bill clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Aileen Mercedes Cannon, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Mitch McConnell, James E. Risch, Joni Ernst, Marsha Blackburn, Mike Crapo, James Lankford, Thom Tillis, Roy Blunt, Roger F. Wicker, Pat Roberts, Mike Rounds, John Cornyn, John Hoeven, Jerry Moran, Lamar Alexander, Mike Braun, David Perdue.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum call be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session to be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO ANDREA GHEZ, AND WOMEN IN SCIENCE

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, more, perhaps, than any event in our lifetimes, the COVID-19 pandemic has focused our minds on the life-and-death value of scientific research and discovery.

As the entire world waits anxiously for safe, effective, affordable vaccines and medical treatments that can protect us against this deadly virus, the recent announcements of the 2020 Nobel Prizes in science gives us reasons for hope.

While the new Nobel science laureates are not themselves involved in COVID-19 research, collectively, they have found answers to some of the most fundamental questions in science, they have made medical discoveries that have already saved millions of lives worldwide and may one day soon enable us to cure cancer and other deadly diseases.

There is another reason to be hopeful about the 2020 Nobel science laureates. For only the second time in history, women scientists received two of the three Nobel science prizes, for physics and for chemistry. And for the first time ever, two women won a Nobel science award for research they pioneered on their own, without the help of male colleagues. Their achievements underscore why we need to continue clearing hurdles for women and girls as they navigate careers in science, technology, engineering, and math. We can't afford to ignore the scientific potential of half of our society. We need all hands on deck.

Let me tell you about these new Nobel science laureates.

The 2020 Nobel Prize in Chemistry goes to Jennifer Doudna and Emmanuelle Charpentier for their work on CRISPR-Cas9, a revolutionary advancement in biomedical science that enables scientists to edit and change DNA with high precision.

Jennifer Doudna is an American biochemist at the University of California, Berkeley, and Emmanuelle Charpentier is a French microchemist and director of the Max Planck Institute for Infection Biology in Berlin. They are the sixth and seventh women in history to receive the chemistry prize and the first all-women team to receive a Nobel in any science.

In less than a decade since the pair wrote a paper demonstrating the power of CRISPR-Cas9, the technique has